

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

IN RE PROTEGEN SLING AND  
VESICA SYSTEM  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Master File No.: 1:01-1387  
MDL No.: 1387

Centralized before  
The Honorable Benson Everett Legg

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES  
TO ALL ACTIONS

**ORDER**

On November 15, 2004, the Court held a hearing as a result of the global settlement reached by a majority of the parties in this multi-district litigation. For the reasons stated on the record during the hearing, the Court rules as follows:

- (i) the Court GRANTS the Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (Docket No. 295). Accordingly, the requested fees and expenses (which total the aggregate MDL assessment amount of \$5,299,479.46) shall be PAID to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Petitioning Counsel. The Court recognizes that the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee has agreed to allow Boston Scientific Corporation to defer a portion of the final payment of the MDL assessment until June 2005;
- (ii) the Court GRANTS the Motion to Seal the Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (Docket No. 297). The Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, which was temporarily sealed pending the November 15th hearing, shall BE PERMANENTLY SEALED. Counsel, however, do not object to public disclosure of a version of the Petition that simply redacts the total settlement amount. Accordingly, attached as Exhibit 1 to this Order is a redacted version of the Petition that shall be filed as part of the public record;
- (iii) the Court GRANTS the Stipulations of Dismissal filed as Docket Numbers:

239-240  
242-294  
302  
307-331  
334-371  
373-374  
376-378  
380-392

394-414  
416-425  
428-429  
432-475  
477-923  
928-933  
935-990  
992-1026  
1038-1043;

The Court ORDERS the Clerk to CLOSE the cases that are the subject of the above Stipulations of Dismissal. These cases are DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and, because costs are provided for in the Master Settlement Agreement reached by the parties, each dismissal is without costs to either party; and

the Court DENIES AS MOOT the motions filed as Docket Numbers:

42  
72  
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87-109  
136-139  
143  
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177-183  
193  
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212-215  
934.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

  
Benson Everett Legg  
Chief Judge